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Montana Water Supply Outlook

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Foreword

How Forecasts Are Made

Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall. This snowfall accumulates high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are viewed in conjunction with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply outlook conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data and narratives describing current conditions.

Streamflow forecasts are cooperatively generated by Soil Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. Forecasts become more accurate as more data affecting runoff becomes known. For this reason, forecasts are issued that reflect three future precipitation conditions — Below Normal, Average, and Above Normal. These forecasts are termed reasonable minimum, most probable, and reasonable maximum. Actual streamflow can be expected to fall between the lower and upper forecast values eight out of ten years.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthly or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation, temperature, and other parameters are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via radio telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthly and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

For More Information

Copies of Monthly Water Supply Outlook Reports and other reports may be obtained from the states listed below. Because of the limited space, snow survey measurements are not published in monthly reports. An annual snow survey data summary is published by the Soil Conservation Service for each of the western states. Historical snow survey data may be obtained at those same offices.

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|------------|---|
| Alaska | 201 East 9th Ave., Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501-3687 |
| Arizona | 201 East Indianola, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85012 |
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In addition to state reports, a Water Supply Outlook for the Western United States is published by the Soil Conservation Service and National Weather Service monthly, January through May. Reports may be obtained from the Soil Conservation Service, West National Technical Center, 511 Northwest Broadway, Room 547, Portland, OR 97209.

Published by other agencies:

Water Supply Outlook Reports prepared by other agencies include: California — Snow Survey Branch, California Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 388, Sacramento, CA 95802; British Columbia — The Ministry of Environment, Water Investigations Branch, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 1X5; Yukon Territory — Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Northern Operations Branch, 200 Range Road, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Y1A 3V1; Alberta, Environment Technical Services Division, 9820 106th St., Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6.

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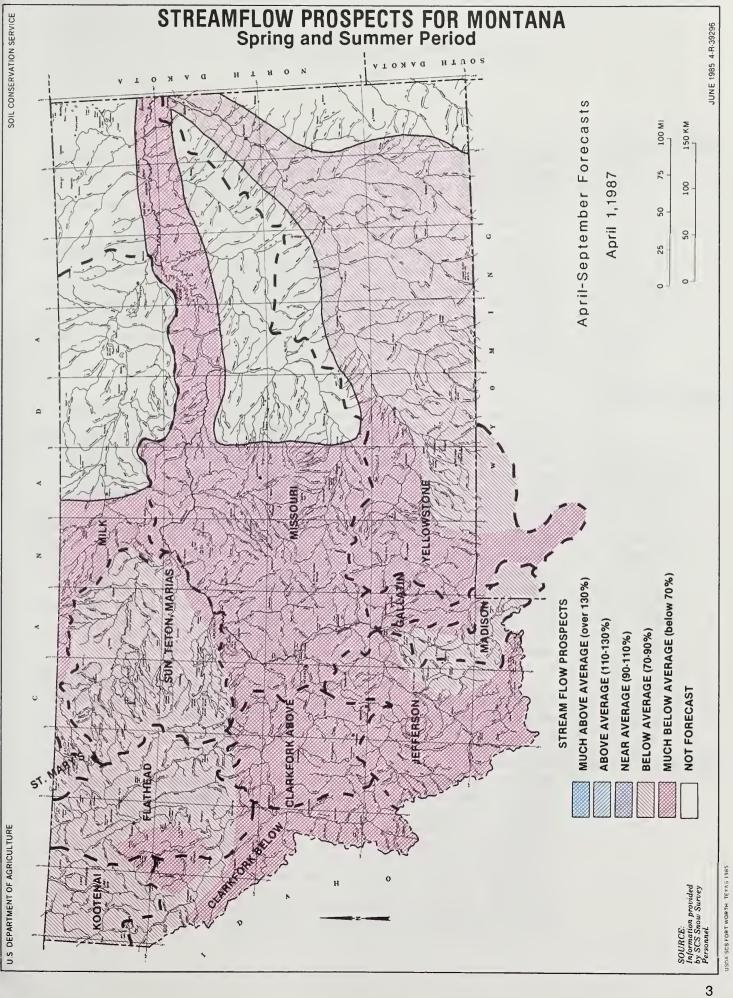
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GENERAL OUTLOOK

SUMMARY:

Mountain precipitation during March was near to above average in northern watersheds dropping to 60 percent of average in some of the southern drainages. Record low water content was measured at 22 of the 240 snow courses. Snowpack is currently 80 to 85 percent of average in northern areas and 50 to 60 percent of average in southern basins. Streamflow is forecast to be below average in all areas of the state with better percentages from northern tributaries. Runoff in some central and southern watersheds is forecast to be near record low amounts if spring precipitation is average or below. Reservoir storage is generally above average.

SNOWPACK:

Good moisture during March helped increase snowpack levels along the northern part of the state. However, most of the southern drainages show little change from last month's percentages. Statewide, all areas have below average snowpack. There were 22 snow courses out of the 240 measured that had record low water content. These are in the Philipsburg-Anaconda area, Gallatin drainage, and the Belt and Crazy Mountains. There was a little melt at some lower elevations during March but most sites showed increases in water content. Normally, the season's snowpack reaches maximum water content around mid-April so there is little time left for any significant improvement in this season's snow cover. Across the state, most snowpacks are in the 50 to 65 percent of average range. Exceptions are the northeast face of the Beartooth Mountains near Red Lodge, part of the Jefferson River drainage and most of the Flathead, Kootenai and lower Clark Fork where snow is around 75 to 85 percent of average.

PRECIPITATION:

Mountain precipitation for March was above average across the Kootenai, Flathead, St. Mary and Milk River headwaters. The Sun, Marias, Teton, lower Clark Fork and many of the Missouri Main Stem tributaries received near average moisture. The more southerly watersheds received less than average precipitation varying from about 60 percent of average in the Madison and Gallatin to about 75 percent in the Yellowstone, Jefferson and Clark Fork above Missoula drainages. This is the fourth

consecutive month of below average precipitation for most drainages in the southern part of the state. For the northern drainages, this is the first month since November that moisture was near or above average.

RESERVOIRS:

Most irrigation reservoirs have average to above average amounts of water in storage. This is due partly to good runoff last fall from September rains and partly to increasing storage through the winter in anticipation of low snowmelt runoff. Storage in larger multipurpose reservoirs is generally above average. With the anticipated low runoff, many irrigation reservoirs will be empty or nearly empty by the end of the irrigation season.

STREAMFLOW:

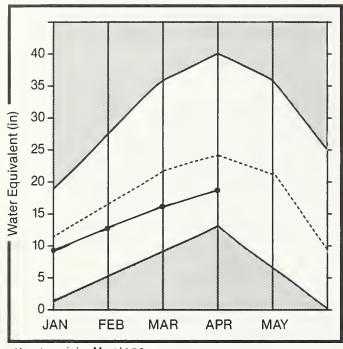
Spring and summer runoff is forecast to be below average on all streams and rivers. Some streams that have their headwaters in the smaller mountain ranges of central Montana, the Gallatin drainage and the upper Clark Fork drainage are forecast to have runoff near minimum of record if spring rainfall is near or below average. Runoff from most northern streams is forecast to be around 75 to 85 percent of average. With the exceptions of the Madison, Stillwater, Clark's Fork and Rock Creek, streams in the southern part of the state are forecast to produce less than two-thirds of their normal runoff.

SOIL MOISTURE:

Soils under the snowpack still have average or above average moisture. However, the snowline in the southern half of the state is quite high for this time of year and soils not covered with snow are drying. Storms near the end of March helped replenish some soil moisture in north-central and central Montana drainages.

Kootenai Basin

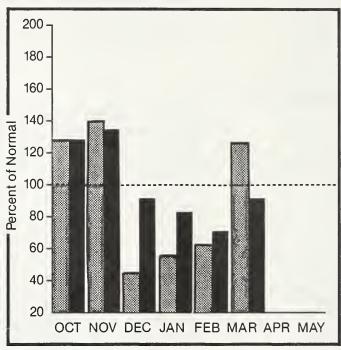
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Kootenai in Montana



Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

March precipitation was a little above average. Snowpacks increased a little and are now about 15 percent below average in Canadian watersheds and about 20 percent less than average on Montana drainages. The southeastern corner of the basin has snowpacks that are about 65 to 70 percent of average. Streamflows are forecast to be 15 to 25 percent less than average during spring and summer months.

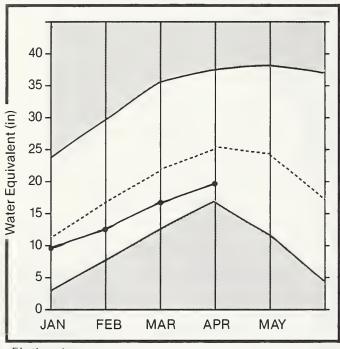
KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana

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|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------|------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| FORECAST POINT | | AVG. | | PROBABLE | MAX. | REAS. MAX. (% AVG.) | HIN. | MIN. | |
| | | | | | | · | | | |
| KOOTENAI RIVER blw Libby Dam 2 | APR-JUL | 5885.0 | 5020.0 | 85 | 6140.0 | 104 | 3900.0 | 66 | |
| COULTRAL RIVER DIW ELDDY Daw 2 | APR-SEP | 6903.0 | | 85 | 7200.0 | 104 | 4580.0 | 66 | |
| FISHER RIVER near Libby | APR-JUL | 240.0 | 177.0 | 74 | 235.0 | 98 | 119.0 | 50 | |
| | APR-SEP | 256.0 | 189.0 | 74 | 250.0 | 98 | 128.0 | 50 | |
| YAAK RIVER near Troy | APR-JUL | 494.0 | 340.0 | . 69 | 459.0 | 93 | 221.0 | 45 | |
| · | APR-SEP | 517.0 | 368.0 | 71 | 492.0 | 95 | 244.0 | 47 | |
| KOOTENAI RIVER at Leonia 2 | APR-JUL | 7340.0 | 6030.0 | 82 | 7430.0 | 101 | 4640.0 | 63 | |
| | APR-SEP | 8441.0 | 6940.0 | 82 | 8540.0 | 101 | 5340.0 | 63 | |
| RESERVO | IR STORAGE | | (1000AF) | l l | | WATERSH | ED SNOWPAC | K ANALYSIS | |
| | | | ABLE STORAC | | | | . ои | | YEAR AS % OF |
| RESERVOIR | | THIS YEAR | YEAR | AVG. I | WATERSHED | | COUR AVG ' | D LAST | YR. AVERAGE |
| LAKE KOOCANUSA | 5748.0 | | 2238.0 | | EAST KOOTE | ENAI in B.C | | 98 | |
| | | | | 1 | KOOTENAI i | in MONTANA | 32 | 118 | 79 |
| | | | | 1 | KOOTENAI a | b BONNERS | FERRY 58 | 109 | 80 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

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Flathead Basin

Mountain snowpack* (inches)

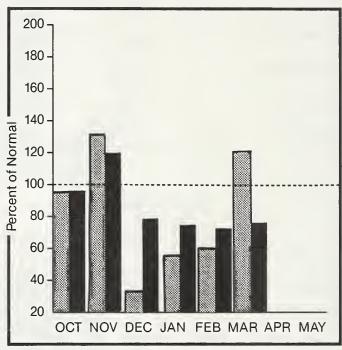


*Flathead

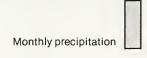


Average ---Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations



Year to date precipitation

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Mountain precipitation during March was a little above average. This improved the snowpack conditions over the past month. Current snowpack is about 75 to 85 percent of average over most of the basin. The area west of Kalispell is a little lower with snowcover about 65 percent of average. Spring and summer streamflows are forecast to be in the 75 to 90 percent of average range. The inflow to Little Bitterroot Lake should be in the 50 to 60 percent of average range.

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN

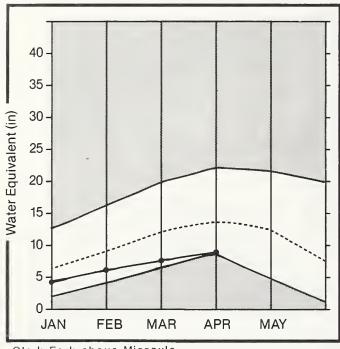
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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| NF FLATHEAD near Columbia Falls | APR-JUL | 1701.0 | 1450.0 | 85 | 1690.0 | 99 | 1210.0 | 71 |
| MAL LEHIUCHD DEST COTOMOTS 18112 | APR-SEP | 1880.0 | 1600.0 | 85 | 1860.0 | 99 | 1340.0 | 71 |
| MF FLATHEAD near West Glacier | APR-JUL | 1680.0 | 1440.0 | 86 | 1680.0 | 100 | 1200.0 | 71 |
| | APR-SEP | 1836.0 | 1550.0 | 84 | 1810.0 | 99 | 1290.0 | 70 |
| SF FLATHEAD near Columbia Falls 1 | AFR-JUL | 2110.0 | 1680.0 | 80 | 2200.0 | 104 | 1150.0 | 55 |
| | APR-SEP | 2248.0 | 1800.0 | 80 | 2470.0 | 110 | 1130.0 | 50 |
| FLATHEAD at Columbia Falls 1 | ARP-JUL | 5621.0 | 4720.0 | 84 | 5840.0 | 104 | 3600.0 | 64 |
| | AFR-SEF | 6114.0 | 5130.0 | 84 | 6540.0 | 107 | 3720.0 | 61 |
| SWAN RIVER near Big Fork | APR-JUL | 597.0 | 440.0 | 74 | 525.0 | 88 | 365.0 | 61 |
| | APR-SEP | 683.0 | 500.0 | 73 | 595.0 | 87 | 425.0 | 62 |
| FLATHEAD RIVER near Polson 2 | APR-JUL | 6586.0 | 5460.0 | 83 | 6380+0 | 97 | 4540.0 | 69 |
| | APR-SEP | 7150.0 | 5950.0 | 83 | 6950.0 | 97 | 4950.0 | 69 |
| | | | | | | | | |

| | RESERVOIR STORAGE | | (1000AF) | i | HATERSHED | SNOWPACK AN | ALYSIS | |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| RESERVOIR | USEABLE I CAPACITYI | ** USI | EABLE STO | | WATERSHED | NO. COURSES | THIS YEAR | R AS % OF |
| | 1 | YEAR | YEAR | AVG. 1 | | AVG'D | LAST YR. | AVERAGE |
| CAMAS (4) | 45.2 | 27,7 | 31.3 | 24.0 | NORTH FORK FLATHEAD | 16 | 125 | 84 |
| MISSION VALLEY (8) | 100.0 | 35.2 | 50.3 | 40.5 | MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD | 12 | 106 | 81 |
| HUNGRY HORSE | 3451.0 | 2336.0 | 2515.0 | 2110.0 | SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD | 13 | 101 | 72 |
| FLATHEAD LAKE | 1791.0 | 641.0 | 805.3 | 757+2 | STILLWATER-WHITEFISH | 9 | 116 | 79 |
| | | | | | SWAN | 11 | 93 | 72 |
| | | | | j | LITTLE BITTERROOT | 8 | 102 | 65 |
| | | | | | FLATHEAD | 49 | 108 | 77 |

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Clark Fork Basin above Missoula

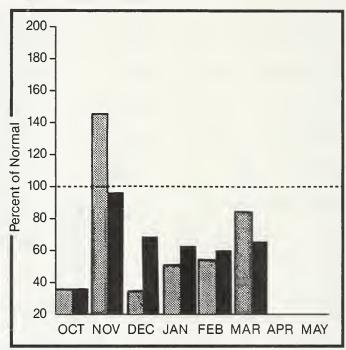
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Clark Fork above Missoula



Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

March precipitation in the mountains was a little below average. The snowpack increased about 1 to 2 percent over last month's readings and is still about two-thirds of average. Some snow courses near Philipsburg and Anaconda have the lowest water content of record. Streamflows are forecast well below average at around 60 percent. It appears that this year's runoff could be near the lowest of record if spring rains follow the deficient moisture pattern of the past 4 months. Shortages of irrigation water could be widespread in the basin and can be expected to develop by mid-June.

CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN above Missoula

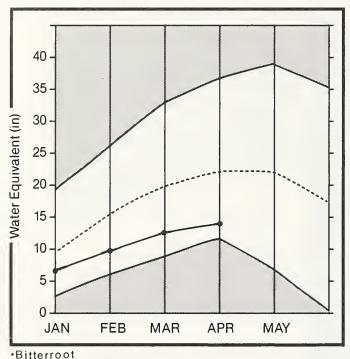
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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | | | *************************************** | | | | | | |
| MOULTON RESERVOIR Inflow (MG)2 | | 237.0 263.0 | 133.0 | | 190.0 206.0 | 80 78 | 76.0 80.0 | | |
| WARM SPRINGS CR at Meyers Dam 2 | APR-JUL APR-SEP | | 22.0 28.0 | 56 57 | | 79 82 | | | |
| FLINT CREEK near Southern Cross 2 | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 14.8 17.8 | | | 15.0 18.0 | | 6.0 7.0 | 41 39 | |
| FLINT CREEK below Boulder Creek 2 | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 61.0 78.0 | | | 60.0 77.0 | | 29.0 37.0 | 48 47 | |
| LOWER WILLOW CR RES Inflow 2 | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 14.9 15.8 | | | 11.0 13.0 | | 3.0 4.0 | 20 25 | |
| M. FK. ROCK CRK near Philipsburg | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 69.0 77.0 | 20 1 1 | | 60.0 66.0 | | | 43 44 | |
| NEVADA CREEK near Finn | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 21.0 22.0 | 9.5 10.3 | | 17.0 18.0 | 81 82 | 4.0 5.0 | 19 23 | |
| BLACKFOOT RIVER near Bonner | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 874.0 969.0 | 530.0 600.0 | | 650.0 740.0 | | 410.0 460.0 | 47 47 | |
| CLARK FORK RIVER above Milltown 2 | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 703.0 812.0 | | 60 62 | 635.0 745.0 | 90 92 | 215.0 255.0 | | |
| CLARK FORK RIVER above Missoula | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 1577.0 1781.0 | 950.0 1100.0 | | | | | | |
| RESERVOIR | STORAGE | | (1000AF) | ! ! ! | | HATERSH | ED SNOWPAG | CK ANALYSIS | |
| PECEDIATA | | | AGLE STORAC | | | | ю. | THIS | YEAR AS % OF |
| RESERVOIR | 1 | YEAR | LAST YEAR | AVG. 1 | WATERSHED | | AVG | | YR. AVERAGE |
| GEORGETOWN LAKE | 31.0 | 29.1 | 25.4 | 24.4 | CLARK FORK | | | 76 | |
| LOWER WILLOW CREEK | 4.9 | 1.7 | 4,9 | 2,2 | BLACKFOOT | | 22 | 92 | 63 |
| NEVADA CREEK | 12.6 | 6.0 | 11.0 | 7.5 | CLARK FORK | above MIS | SOULA 62 | 80 | 64 |

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Clark Fork Basin below Missoula

Mountain snowpack* (inches)



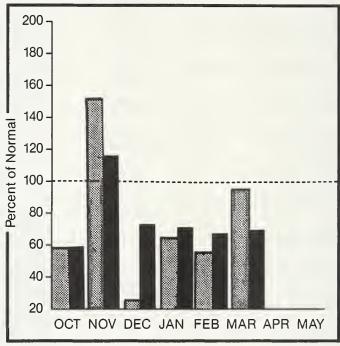
Minimum

Maximum

Average ————

Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation

Year to date precipitation

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Mountain precipitation was near average over the basin in March. The snowpack levels did show a little improvement on the lower Clark Fork tributaries but there was no significant change in the Bitterroot. Streamflows are still forecast well below average in all drainages with most predictions being about two-thirds of their normal runoff. This year's runoff could be near the lowest of record if spring rainfall is average or below. Irrigation water supplies are expected to become short by late June to early July on streams not having stored water.

CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN below Missoula

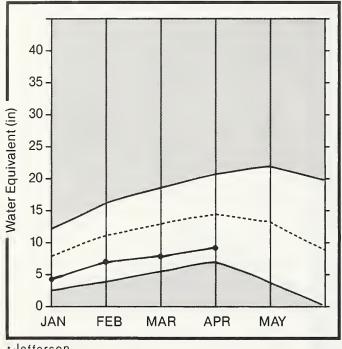
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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|----|---------------------------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| CLARK FORK RIVER above Missoula | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 1577.0 1781.0 | | | 1330.0 1530.0 | | 570.0 670.0 | 36 38 | |
| I.F. 8ITTERROOT RIVER or Conner 2 | APR-JUL | 147.0 | 87.0 | 59 | 122.0 | 83 | 52.0 | 35 | |
| | APR-SEP | 169.0 | 101.0 | 60 | 142.0 | 84 | 60.0 | 36 | |
| ITTERROOT RIVER near Oarby | APR-JUL | 524.0 | 315.0 | | 440.0 | 84 | 190.0 | 36 | |
| | APR-SEP | 573.0 | 345.0 | 60 | 480.0 | 84 | 225.0 | 39 | |
| KALKAHO CREEK near Hamilton | APR-JUL | 46.0 | | | 35.0 | | 23.0 | 50 | |
| | APR-SEP | 54.0 | 34.0 | 63 | 42.0 | 78 | 26.0 | 48 | |
| SURNT FORK CR nr Stevensville 2 | APR-JUL | 32.0 | | | 27.0 | 84 | 12.0 | 38 | |
| | APR-SEP | 38.0 | 23.0 | 61 | 32.0 | 84 | 14.0 | 37 | |
| ITTERROOT RIVER at Missoula 2 | APR-JUL | 1371.0 | | | 1120.0 | 82 | 470.0 | 34 | |
| | APR-SEP | 1497.0 | 870.0 | 58 | 1230.0 | 82 | 510.0 | 34 | |
| LARK FORK RIVER below Missoula | APR-JUL | 2948.0 | 1740.0 | 59 | 2210.0 | 75 | 1270.0 | 43 | |
| | APR-SEP | 3276.0 | 1980.0 | 60 | 2500.0 | 76 | 1460.0 | 45 | |
| LARK FORK RIVER at St. Regis | APR-JUL | 3894.0 | 2350.0 | 60 | 3320.0 | 85 | 1380.0 | 35 | |
| | APR-SEP | 4325.0 | 2620.0 | 61 | 3700.0 | 86 | 1540.0 | 36 | |
| LARK FORK RIVER near Plains 2 | APR-JUL | 10850.0 | 7990.0 | 74 | 10000.0 | 92 | 5930.0 | 55 | |
| | APR-SEP | 11930.0 | 8790.0 | 74 | 11000.0 | 92 | 6520.0 | 55 | |
| HOMPSON RIVER near Thompson Falls | APR-JUL | 222.0 | 134.0 | 60 | 183.0 | 82 | 85.0 | 38 | |
| | APR-SEP | 250.0 | 158.0 | 63 | 215.0 | 86 | 100.0 | 40 | |
| ROSPECT CREEK at Thompson Falls | APR-JUL | 128.0 | | | 116.0 | | | 42 | |
| | APR-SEP | 137.0 | 93.0 | 68 | 126.0 | 92 | 60.0 | 44 | |
| LARK FORK at Whitehorse Rapids 2 | APR-JUL | 12150.0 | 8820.0 | | 11200.0 | | 6400.0 | 53 | |
| | APR-SEP | 13370.0 | 9710.0 | 73 | 12400.0 | 93 | 7040.0 | 53 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

| RES | SERVOIR STORAGE | | (1000AF) | i I | WATERSHED SNI | DWPACK AN | ALYSIS | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| RESERVOIR | | ** USE | ABLE STOR LAST | | WATERSHED | NO. COURSES | THIS YEAR | : AS % OF |
| NESERVOIR | | EAR | YEAR | AVG. | HHIERORED | AAC,0 | LAST YR. | AVERAGE |
| PAINTEO ROCKS LAKE | N | O REPO | RT | | CLARK FORK above MISSOULA | 62 | 80 | 64 |
| NOXON RAPIDS | 335.0 3 | 26.7 | 299 - 8 | 213.0 | BITTERROOT | 24 | 78 | 63 |
| СОМО | 34.9 | 10.9 | 23.0 | 15.5 | LWR CLARK FK blw MISSOULA | 25 | 100 | 71 |
| | | | | | BITTERROOT & LWR C.F. | 47 | 90 | 68 |
| | | | | į | CLARK FORK TOTAL | 103 | 87 | 66 |
| | | | | | FLATHEAD | 49 | 108 | 77 |
| | | | | | PENO O'REILLE | 146 | 94 | 71 |

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Jefferson Basin

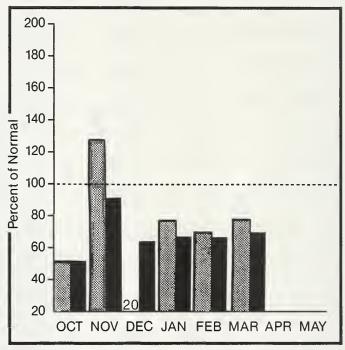
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



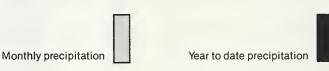
Jefferson



Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Mountain precipitation during March was a little below average over the basin. This is the fourth consecutive month with below average precipitation. This resulted in only slight increases in snowpack percentages. Currently, most snowpacks are in the 65 to 70 percent of average range. Streamflows are forecast to be below average in all drainages and generally in the 60 to 75 percent of average range. Shortages in irrigation water supplies can be expected to develop by late June to early July on streams not having stored water.

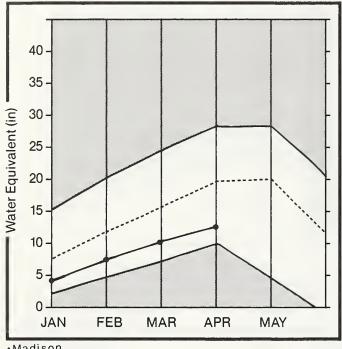
JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN

| FORECAST POINT | | AVG. | MOST PROBABLE | PROBABLE | MAX. | MAX. | MIN. | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------|------------------|----------|-----------|---------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | | | (1000AF) | | | | |
| RED ROCK RIVER near Monida 2 | APR-JUL | 105.0 | 68.0 | 65 | 100.0 | | | | |
| | | | 72.0 | | 106.0 | 93 | 38.0 | 33 | |
| BEAVERHEAD RIVER near Grant 2 | APR-JUL | 149.0 | 92.0 | 62 | 137.0 | 92 | 47.0 | 32 | |
| | | | 106.0 | | | | | 34 | |
| BEAVERHEAD RIVER at Barratts 2 | APR-JUL | 192,0 | 124.0 | 65 | 182.0 | 95 | 75.0 | 39 | |
| | APR-SEP | 224.0 | 147.0 | 66 | 215.0 | 96 | 94.0 | 42 | |
| RUBY RIVER mear Alder | APR-JUI | 89.0 | 67.0 | 75 | 89.0 | 100 | 55.0 | 62 | |
| NEVER NEED HEED | | 106.0 | | | 107.0 | | 69.0 | 65 | |
| BIG HOLE RIVER near Melrose | APR-JUL | 494.0 | 440.0 | 63 | 615.0 | 88 | 295,0 | 42 | |
| DIG HOLL KIVEK HEST HEITUSE | APR-SEP | | | | | | 335.0 | 44 | |
| WILLOW CREEK near Harrison | APR-JUL | 18.7 | 14.5 | 78 | 20.0 | 107 | 9.0 | 48 | |
| | APR-SEP | 21.0 | 15+B | 75 | 22.0 | 105 | 10.0 | 48 | |
| per centro | TO CIDDAGE | | 100005 | ! | | HATERS | ED SNOWPACE | / ANALYCIC | |
| KESEKVU | IR STORAGE | | | | | MHIEKSF | IED SNUMPACI | W HWHE1212 | |
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| RESERVOIR | | | YEAR | | WATERSHED | | COUR! | | AVERAGE |
| LIMA | 84.0 | 34.5 | 29.2 | 41.3 | | | 35 | | 68 |
| CLARK CANYON | 255.6 | 165.9 | 158.3 | 152.7 | RUBY | | 14 | 87 | 75 |
| RUBY RIVER | 38.8 | 36.0 | 34.0 | 31.0 | BIGHOLE | | 29 | 70 | 64 |
| | | | | 1 | BOULDER | | 15 | 77 | 67 |
| | | | | | JEFFERSON | | 74 | 73 | 67 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | |

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Madison Basin

Mountain snowpack* (inches)

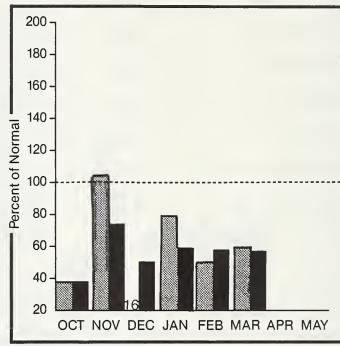


· Madison

Maximum Minimum

Average Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation

Year to date precipitation

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

March precipitation was about two-thirds of average over the basin. This is the fourth consecutive month of below average moisture. Snowpack levels are about the same as measured a month ago and still in the 55 to 65 percent of average range. Snowpack in the Yellowstone National Park area is a little lower than in the Madison, Gravelly and Tobacco Root ranges. Streamflows in the upper Madison will be held up by flows from springs. Runoff during spring and summer months will be about 25 percent less than average. Shortages of irrigation water from tributaries can be expected to develop by late June and early July.

MADISON RIVER BASIN

| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST PERIOD | AVG. | | PROBABLE | | REAS. MAX. (% AVG.) | REAS. MIN. (1000AF) | REAS. MIN. (% AVG.) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------|
| MADISON RIVER near Grayling 2 | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 390.0 499.0 | 320.0 410.0 | 82 82 | 380.0 485.0 | 97 97 | 260.0 335.0 | 67 67 | | |
| MADISON RIVER near McAllister 2 | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 680.0 856.0 | 515.0 640.0 | 76 75 | 625.0 775.0 | 92 91 | 405.0 500.0 | 60 58 | | |
| RESERVOI | R STORAGE | (| 1000AF) | | | WATERSH | ED SNOWPAC | K ANALYSI | S | |
| RESERVOIR | | ** USEA | ABLE STORAG | | WATERSHED | | NO. COUR | | S YEAR | R AS % OF |
| KESEKVUIK | | YEAR | YEAR | AVG. I | MHIEVOUED | | AVG' | | T YR. | AVERAGE |
| ENNIS LAKE | 41.0 | 30.2 | 31,4 | 33.7 | MADISON abo | ve HEBGEN | 17 | 52 | | 55 |
| HEBGEN LAKE | 377.5 | 289.8 | 278.5 | 241.1 | LOWER MADIS | ОИ | 21 | 77 | | 67 |
| | | | | 1 | MADISON | | 38 | 63 | | 61 |

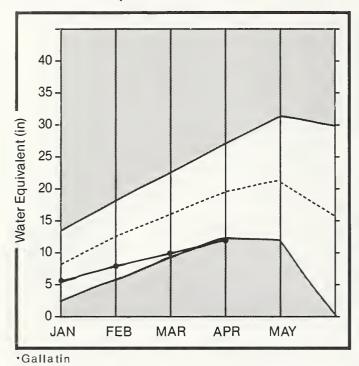
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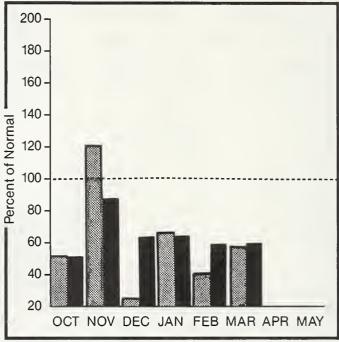
The average is computed for the 1961-85 base period.

Gallatin Basin





Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations



Monthly precipitation

Year to date precipitation

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Mountain precipitation over the basin was about 60 percent of average in March. This is the fourth consecutive month of below average moisture. Snowpack levels are about the same as a month ago and about two-thirds of average. A few snow courses had the lowest water content of record for April 1. Spring and summer streamflows are forecast to be around 65 to 70 percent of average in headwater drainages and near 50 percent of average on the lower Gallatin. Runoff is expected to be near the lowest of record if spring precipitation is average or below. Shortages in irrigation water are expected to start developing by late June to early July.

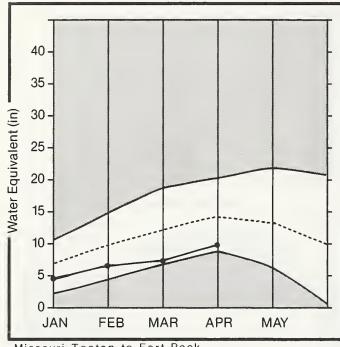
GALLATIN RIVER BASIN

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|------------------------------------|---------|----------------|------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------------|---------------------------|------|---------|
| FORECAST POINT | | AVG. | MOST PROBABLE (1000AF) | PROBABLE | MAX. | | | REAS. MIN. (% AVG.) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| GALLATIN RIVER near Gateway | | 460.0 | | 62 | 360.0 | | | 58 59 | | |
| | APR-SEP | 540.0 | 340.0 | 63 | 425.0 | 79 | 320.0 | 29 | | |
| E & W FK. HYALITE CR. nr Bozeman 2 | APR-JUL | 24.0 | 17.3 | 72 | 21.0 | 88 | 14.0 | 58 | | |
| | APR-SEP | 28.0 | 20.1 | 72 | 24.0 | 86 | 17.0 | 61 | | |
| HYALITE CREEK near Bozeman 2 | APR-JUL | 20.0 | 27.0 | 71 | 35.0 | 92 | 20.0 | 53 | | |
| HINLIE CKEEK Near Bozeman Z | APR-SEP | 38.0 44.0 | | 70 | 40.0 | 92 91 | 24.0 | 55 | | |
| | | | - | | | | | | | |
| GALLATIN RIVER at Logan | APR-JUL | 528.0 616.0 | | 47 49 | 380.0 455.0 | | 165.0 230.0 | 31 37 | | |
| PERSONATO | CTOFACE | | | ! | | | ZEO CHOUDAC | | | |
| KESEKVUIK | STORAGE | , | (1000HF) | | | | IEO SNOWPACI | | | |
| | | | ABLE STORAG | | | | ₩О. | THIS | YEAR | AS % 0 |
| RESERVOIR | | | LAST YEAR | | WATERSHED | | AVG ' | D LAST | YR. | AVERAGI |
| MIOOLE CREEK | 8.0 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 3.9 | UPPER GALL | ATIN | 15 | 75 | | 63 |
| | | | | | EAST GALLA | NITA | 13 | 91 | | 62 |
| | | | | | GALLATIN | | 25 | 80 | | 62 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

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Missouri Basin

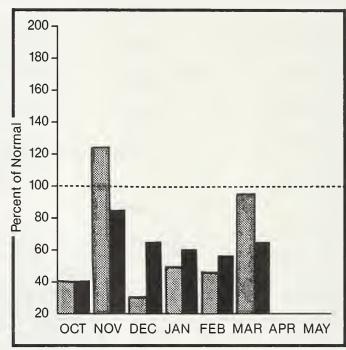
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Missouri Toston to Fort Peck



Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Mountain precipitation across the basin was about average in March. This helped to slightly increase snowpack level percentages in most drainages. The greatest increase was in the Judith and Musselshell drainages but snowpacks are still well below average. Some snow courses in the Belt and Crazy Mountains have the lowest water contents of record. Streamflows are forecast to be well below average in all drainages. Runoff is expected to be near previous lows if spring precipitation continues to be near or below average. Shortages of irrigation water supplies can be expected by mid- to late June on streams not having stored water.

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

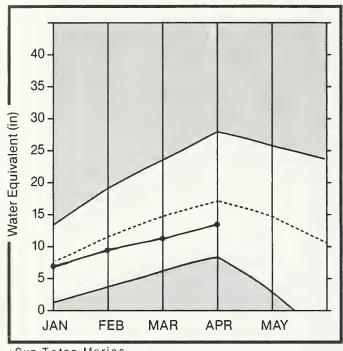
| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST | AVG. | | PROBABLE | | REAS. | MIN. | REAS. MIN. |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | PERIOD | (1000AF) | (1000AF) | (% AVG.) | (1000AF) | (% AVG+) | (1000AF) | (% AVG+) |
| ISSOURI RIVER at Toston 2 | APR-JUL | 2250.0 | 1375.0 | 61 | 2120.0 | 94 | 1010.0 | 45 |
| | APR-SEP | 2590.0 | 1580+0 | 61 | 2430.0 | 94 | 1160.0 | 45 |
| HEEP CREEK or White Sulphur Spgs. | APR-JUL | 18.8 | 8.7 | 46 | 16.0 | 85 | 7.0 | 37 |
| , , | APR-SEP | 22.0 | 10.4 | 47 | 19.0 | 86 | 8.0 | 36 |
| ELT CREEK near Monarch | APR-JUL | 123.0 | 60.0 | 49 | 102.0 | 83 | 33.0 | 27 |
| | APR-SEP | 134.0 | 65.0 | 49 | 111.0 | 83 | 36.0 | 27 |
| ISSOURI RIVER at Fort Benton 2 | APR-JUL | 3470.0 | 1978.0 | 57 | 3330.0 | 96 | 1560.0 | 45 |
| | APR-SEP | 3990.0 | 2265.0 | 57 | 3830.0 | 96 | 1800.0 | 45 |
| ISSOURI RIVER at Virgelle 2 | APR-JUL | 3960.0 | 2340.0 | 59 | 3920.0 | 99 | 1780.0 | 45 |
| | APR-SEP | 4500.0 | 2650.0 | 59 | 4460.0 | 99 | 2020.0 | 45 |
| ISSOURI RIVER near Landusky 2 | APR-JUL | 4310.0 | 2540.0 | 59 | 4480.0 | 104 | 1980.0 | 46 |
| | APR-SEP | 4900.0 | 2905.0 | 59 | 5100.0 | 104 | 2250.0 | 46 |
| .F. MUSSELSHELL near Delpine | APR-JUL | 5.6 | 1,8 | 32 | 4.0 | 71 | 1.0 | 18 |
| | APR-SEP | 6.4 | 2.2 | 34 | 5.0 | 78 | 1.0 | 16 |
| •F• MUSSELSHELL above Martinsdale | APR-JUL | 57 • 0 | 22.0 | 39 | 44.0 | 77 | 10.0 | 18 |
| | APR-SEP | 61.0 | 23.0 | 38 | 46.0 | 75 | 11.0 | 18 |
| ISSOURI RIVER below Fort Peck 2 | APR-JUL | 4260.0 | 2430.0 | 57 | 4390.0 | 103 | 1790.0 | 42 |
| | APR-SEP | 4800.0 | 2745.0 | 57 | 4940.0 | 103 | 2020.0 | 42 |
| AKE SAKAKAWEA Inflow 2 | APR-JUL | 11000.0 | 7480.0 | 48 | 11900.0 | 108 | 5830+0 | 53 |
| | APR-SEP | 12200.0 | 8250.0 | 68 | 13200.0 | 108 | 6470.0 | 53 |

| | RESERVOIR STORAGE | | (1000AF) | i | WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
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| RESERVOIR | CAPACITYI I | THIS YEAR | LAST YEAR | AVG. | WATERSHED | COURSES AVG'D | LAST YR. | AVERAGE | | |
| CANYON FERRY LAKE | 2043.0 | 1566.0 | 1487.0 | 1502.0 | MISSOURI HEADWATERS | 120 | 70 | 64 | | |
| HELENA VALLEY | 9.2 | 3.9 | 3.3 | 4.8 | WEST SIDE MISSOURI | 11 | 79 | 63 | | |
| LAKE HELENA | 10.4 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.0 | SMITH-BELT | 11 | 62 | 55 | | |
| HAUSER & HELENA | 61.9 | 63.1 | 63.0 | 60,6 | MISSOURI MAINSTEM | 22 | 69 | 59 | | |
| HOLTER LAKE | 81.9 | 69.9 | 80.5 | 65+0 1 | SUN-TETON-MARIAS | 19 | 107 | 81 | | |
| SMITH RIVER | 10.6 | 8.4 | 7,5 | 7.8 | JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL | 19 | 71 | 58 | | |
| NEWLAN CREEK | 12.4 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 8.9 | MISSOURI above FORT PECK | 165 | 75 | 65 | | |
| BAIR | 7.0 | 6,6 | 3.2 | 5.0 | MILK HEADWATERS | 5 | 138 | 81 | | |
| MARTINSDALE | 23.1 | 12.8 | 9,8 | 10.2 | BEAR PAW | 7 | 304 | 50 | | |
| DEADMAN'S BASIN | 72.2 | 64+0 | 37.4 | 52.0 1 | MILK RIVER | 12 | 149 | 74 | | |
| FORT PECK LAKE * | 18.9 | 15.9 | 14+2 | 15.1 | MISSOURI in MONTANA | 174 | 76 | 65 | | |
| *Millon acre feet | | | | 1 | MISSOURI blw YELLOWSTONE | 283 | 73 | 70 | | |

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Sun, Teton and Marias Basins

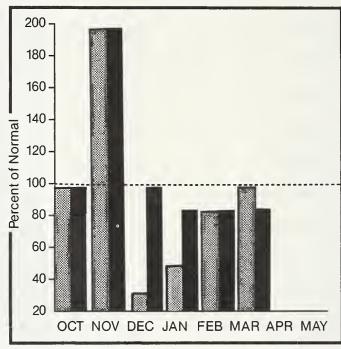
Mountain snowpack* (inches)



*Sun-Teton-Marias

Maximum Average Minimum Current

Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations

Monthly precipitation

Year to date precipitation

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Mountain precipitation in March was near average over the basin. This increased the snowpack percentages 4 to 6 percent over those reported on March 1. However, the snowpack is still 15 to 20 percent below average. Spring and summer streamflows are forecast to be below average and in the 70 to 85 percent of average range. Some shortages of irrigation water may develop in July on streams not having stored water.

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS

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| FORECAST POINT | | 25 YR. AVG. | MOST PROBABLE | MOST PROBABLE | REAS. MAX. | REAS. MAX. | | REAS. MIN. | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUN RIVER at Gibson Dam 2 | APR-JUL | | 360.0 | | 470.0 | | | 51 | | | | |
| | APR-SEP | 542.0 | 400.0 | 74 | 520.0 | 96 | 280.0 | 52 | | | | |
| TWO MEDICINE CREEK near Browning 2 | APR-JUL | 222.0 | 178.0 | 80 | 250.0 | 113 | 105.0 | 47 | | | | |
| | APR-SEP | 235.0 | 188.0 | 80 | 260.0 | 111 | 115.0 | 49 | | | | |
| BADGER CREEK near Browning | APR-JUL | 107.0 | 94.0 | 88 | 130.0 | 121 | 58.0 | 54 | | | | |
| SHOOLK OKELK HEOF BY OWNING | APR-SEP | 123.0 | 109.0 | 89 | 148.0 | | 70.0 | 57 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SWIFT RESERVOIR Inflow or Dupuyer | APR-JUL | 70.0 | 60.0 | 86 | 84.0 | 120 | 36.0 | 51 | | | | |
| | APR-SEP | 82.0 | .70+0 | 85 | 96.0 | 117 | 44.0 | 54 | | | | |
| CUT BANK CREEK at Cut Bank | AFR-JUL | 92.0 | 80.0 | 87 | 111.0 | 121 | 49.0 | 53 | | | | |
| | APR-SEP | 100.0 | 88.0 | 88 | 120.0 | 120 | 56.0 | 56 | | | | |
| MARIAS RIVER near Shelby | APR-JUL | 478.0 | 360.0 | 75 | 515.0 | 108 | 210.0 | 44 | | | | |
| | APR-SEP | 501.0 | 385.0 | | 545.0 | | | 45 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESERVOIR | STORAGE | (| 1000AF) | | | WATERSH | IED SNOWPAC | K ANALYSIS | | | | |
| | USEABLE ! | ** USEA | BLE STORAG | E ** 1 | | | МО• | THIS Y | EAR AS % OF | | | |
| RESERVOIR | | YEAR | YEAR | AVG. I | WATERSHED | | AVG 1 | D LAST Y | R. AVERAGE | | | |
| GIBSON | | | | | | | 13 | | 78 | | | |
| PISHKUN | 32.0 | 17.2 | 18.0 | 18.7 | MARIAS | | 7 | 105 | 84 | | | |
| WILLOW CREEK | 32.2 | 28.5 | 26+2 | 21.5 | SUN-TETON- | -MARIAS | 19 | 107 | 81 | | | |
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LOWER TWO MEDICINE LAKE

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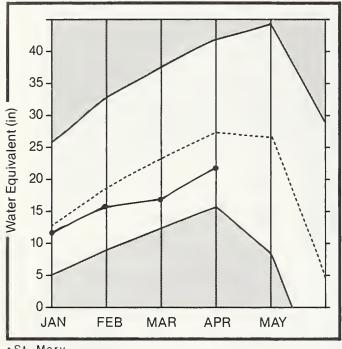
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St. Mary and Milk Basins

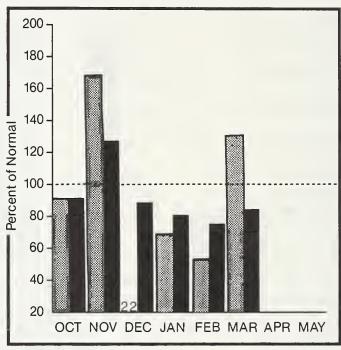




*St. Mary



Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

March precipitation in the mountains was a little above average. This increased the snowpack levels in all areas except the Bear Paws where snow levels are still about one-half of average. The headwaters of the Milk and St. Mary have snowpacks about 20 percent less than average. Recent snowfall in the valley areas added moisture to the soil. Some shortages of irrigation water may develop for those not having stored water. Reservoir storage is above averge.

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS

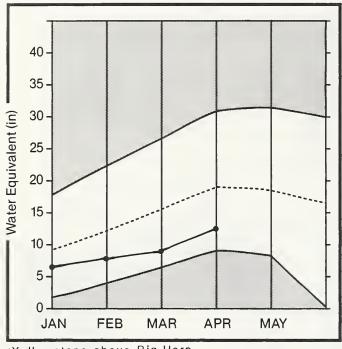
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| FORECAST POINT | PERIOD | AVG. (1000AF) | (1000AF) | PROBABLE (% AVG.) | | | MIN. (1000AF) | (% AVG.) | | |
| SWIFTCURRENT CREEK at Sherburne 2 | | | 89.0 105.0 | | | 101 102 | 67.0 79.0 | | | |
| ST. MARY RIVER near Babb 2 | APR-JUL APR-SEP | 404.0 474.0 | 325.0 385.0 | | 380.0 450.0 | 94 95 | 270.0 320.0 | 67 68 | | |
| MILK RIVER at Eastern Crossing | APR-SEP | 239.0 | 233.0 | 97 | | | | | | |
| MILK RIVER at Eastern Crossing 2 | APR-SEP | 73.0 | 47.0 | 64 | 80.0 | 110 | 39.0 | 53 | | |
| RESERVDI | | | | | | | ED SNDWPACH | | | |
| RESERVDIR | USEABLE CAPACITY I | THIS | | 1 | | | ND. COURS AVG'(| SES | | AS % OF |
| LAKE SHERBURNE | | | **** | | MILK HEADWA | | | 138 | ** | |
| FRESNO | 127.0 | 86.8 | 99,7 | 77.3 | BEAR PAW | | 7 | 304 | | 50 |
| BEAVER CREEK | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2,3 | MILK RIVER | | 12 | 149 | | 74 |
| NELSON | 66.8 | 41.4 | 49.4 | 36.6 | ST. MARY | | 8 | 130 | | 79 |
| | | | | | ST. MARY an | d MILK | 15 | 138 | | 75 |
| | | | | | BDW RIVER i | n ALBERTA | 18 | 82 | | 95 |
| | | | | 1 | DLDMAN RIVE | R in ALBE | RTA 6 | 131 | | 95 |

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Yellowstone Basin

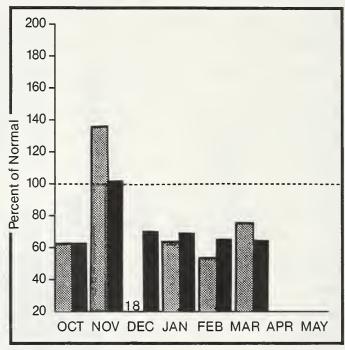
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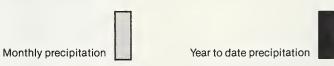
*Yellowstone above Big Horn



Precipitation* (percent of normal)



*Based on selected stations



WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK:

Mountain precipitation during March was below average for the fourth consecutive month. Snowpack levels increased slightly in most drainages but are still well below average in the upper Yellowstone. courses in the Crazy Mountains have the lowest water content of record. Snow cover in Wyoming headwaters is a little better but generally below average in all areas except the Wind River. Streamflows are forecast to be in the 65 to 85 percent of average Lower percentages are in the range over the basin. Yellowstone River headwaters in Yellowstone National Park and the Shields River. Irrigation water supplies are expected to become short by late June on smaller streams not having stored water and by early to mid-July on larger tributaries.

| FORECAST POINT | FORECAST PERIOD | AVG. | MOST PROBABLE (1000AF) | MOST PROBABLE (% AVG.) | REAS. MAX. (1000AF) | REAS. MAX. (% AVG.) | REAS. MIN. (1000AF) | REAS. MIN. (% AVG.) | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| YELLOWSTONE at Lake Outlet | APR-JUL | 590.0 | 405.0 | 69 | 480.0 | 81 | 330.0 | 56 | |
| TELLUNSTORE St Lake Dottet | APR-SEP | 818.0 | | | 670.0 | | 460.0 | | |
| YELLOWSTONE at Corwin Springs | APR-JUL | 1650.0 | 1070.0 | 65 | 1300.0 | 79 | 910.0 | 55 | |
| | APR-SEP | 2000.0 | 1290.0 | 65 | 1570.0 | 79 | 1100.0 | 55 | |
| ELLOWSTONE near Livingston | APR-JUL | 1920.0 | | | 1460.0 | | 1100.0 | 57 | |
| | APR-SEP | 2330.0 | 1450.0 | 62 | 1780.0 | 76 | 1360.0 | 58 | |
| OULDER RIVER at Big Timber | | 353.0 | 250.0 | 71 | 330.0 | _ | 205.0 | 58 | |
| | APR-SEP | 384.0 | 260.0 | 68 | 345.0 | 90 | 220.0 | 57 | |
| STILLWATER RIVER or Absarokee 2 | APR-JUL | 524.0 | 415.0 | 79 | 575.0 | 110 | 265.0 | 51 | |
| | APR-SEP | 625.0 | 500.0 | 80 | 690.0 | 110 | 315.0 | 50 | |
| LARKS FORK RIVER near Belfry | APR-JUL | 540.0 | 420.0 | 78 | 555.0 | 103 | 285.0 | 53 | |
| | AFR-SEP | 603.0 | 465.0 | 77 | 615.0 | 102 | 315.0 | 52 | |
| COONEY RESERVOIR Inflow | APR-JUL | 49.0 | 42.0 | 86 | 57.0 | 116 | 27.0 | 55 | |
| | APR-SEP | 60.0 | 52.0 | 87 | 70.0 | 117 | 34.0 | 57 | |
| ELLOWSTONE RIVER at Billings | APR-JUL | 3740.0 | 2600.0 | 70 | 3330.0 | 89 | 2100.0 | 56 | |
| | APR-SEP | 4410.0 | 3085.0 | 70 | 3930.0 | 89 | 2470.0 | 56 | |
| IGHORN RIVER near St. Xavier 2 | AFR-JUL | 1750.0 | 1580.0 | 90 | 2470.0 | 141 | 980.0 | 56 | |
| | APR-SEP | 1900.0 | 1718.0 | 90 | 2680.0 | 141 | 1060.0 | 56 | |
| ITTLE BIGHORN RIVER near Hardin | APR-JUL | 148.0 | 125.0 | 84 | 215.0 | 145 | 53.0 | 36 | |
| | APR-SEP | 167.0 | 142.0 | 85 | 245.0 | 147 | 60.0 | 36 | |
| ONGUE RIVER near Decker | APR-JUL | 234.0 | 205.0 | 88 | 330.0 | 141 | 86.0 | 37 | |
| | AFR-SEP | 260.0 | 230+0 | 88 | 365.0 | 140 | 96.0 | 37 | |
| ELLOWSTONE RIVER at Miles City 2 | APR-JUL | 5640.0 | 4230.0 | 75 | 5980.0 | 106 | 2930.0 | 52 | |
| | APR-SEP | 6510.0 | 4875.0 | 75 | 6900.0 | 106 | 3390.0 | 52 | |
| OWDER RIVER at Moorehead | APR-JUL | 230.0 | | | 340.0 | 148 | 78.0 | | |
| | APR-SEP | 251.0 | 223.0 | 89 | 370.0 | 147 | 85.0 | 34 | |
| ELLOWSTONE RIVER near Sidney 2 | | 6260.0 | | | 6760.0 | | 3070.0 | | |
| | APR-SEP | 7200.0 | 5348.0 | 74 | 7780.0 | 108 | 3530.0 | 49 | |
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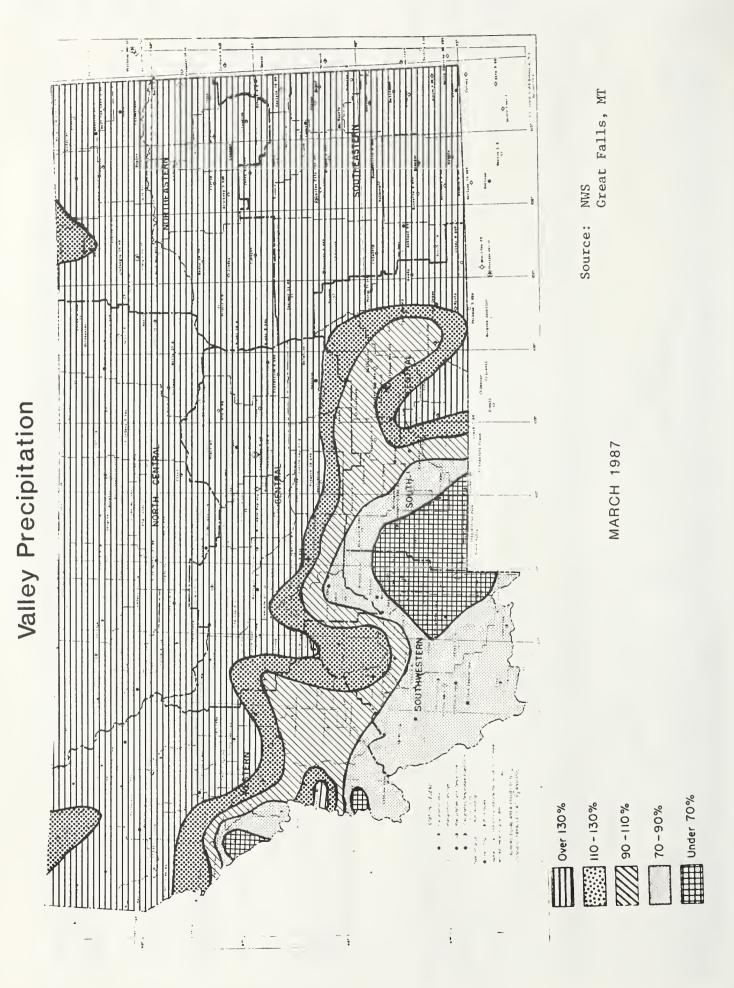
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|--------------|------------------------|----------|-------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|--|--|--|
| RESERVOIR | USEABLE I CAPACITYI | | | | WATERSHED | NO. COURSES | THIS YEAR AS % | | | | |
| NEGERVOIR | l l | YEAR | YEAR | AVG. I | AH I ENSTILL | AVG 'D | LAST YR. | AVERAGE | | | |
| MYSTIC LAKE | 21.0 | 1,6 | 0,3 | 3.6 | YELLOWSTONE ab LIVINGSTON | 25 | 5 7 | 60 | | | |
| COONEY | 27.4 | 22,1 | 22.0 | 15.9 | SHIELDS | 10 | 83 | 55 | | | |
| BIGHORN LAKE | 1356.0 | 807.2 | 709,6 | 685.0 1 | BOULDER-STILLWATER | 12 | 87 | 78 | | | |
| TONGUE RIVER | 68.0 | 23.6 | 30.2 | 37+0 1 | CLARK'S FORK-ROCK CREEK | 22 | 63 | 67 | | | |
| | | | | | YELLOWSTONE above BIGHORN | 55 | 70 | 66 | | | |
| | | | | | LITTLE BIGHORN | 5 | 72 | 79 | | | |
| | | | | | WIND RIVER (Myoming) | 31 | 70 | 105 | | | |
| | | | | | BIGHORN RIVER (Myoming) | 34 | 65 | 79 | | | |
| | | | | | BIGHORN BASIN (Total) | 60 | 69 | 88 | | | |
| | | | | | TONGUE RIVER (Hyoming) | 15 | 74 | 84 | | | |
| | | | | | POWDER RIVER (Myoming) | 15 | 71 | 83 | | | |
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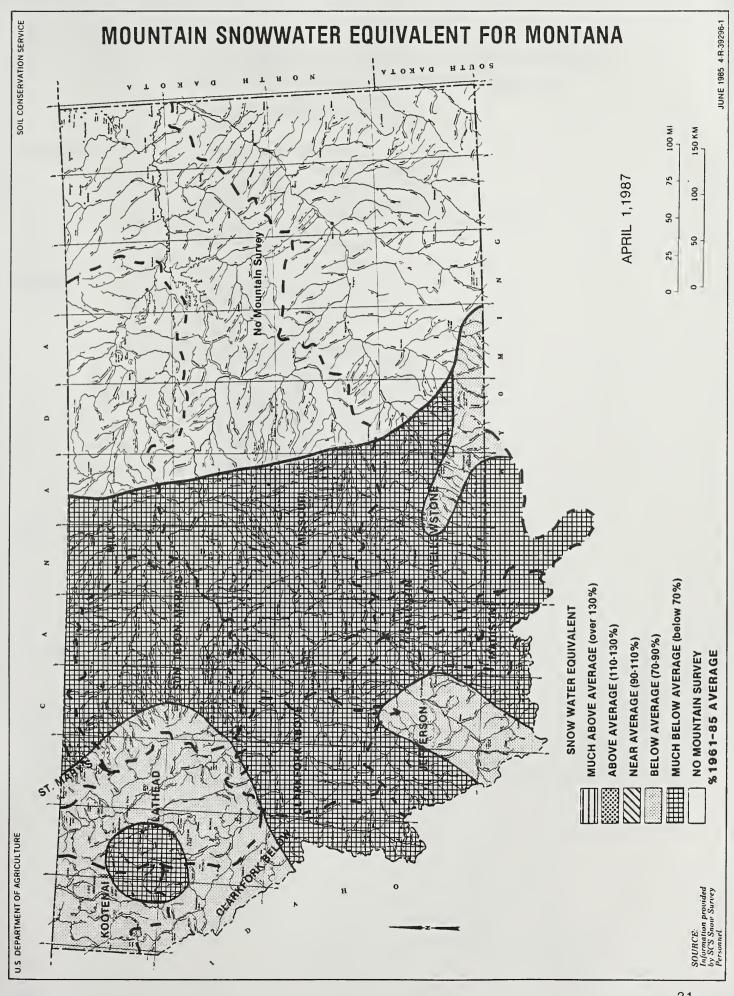
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Snow Data Measurements

| SHOW COURSE | ELEVATION | DATE | SNON OEPTH | HATER CONTENT | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE 1961-85 | SMOM COURSE | ELEVATION | DATE | SHOH DEPTH | WATER CONTENT | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE 1961-85 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| NONTANA | | | | | | | COPPER CAMP PILLOW | 6950 | 4/01/87 | | 20.9 | 28.4 | 35.9 |
| ABUNDANCE LAKE | 8800 | 3/29/87 | 52 | 14.9 | 19.0 | 21.5 | COPPER CAMP | 6950 | 3/31/87 | 56 | 19.6 | 22.6 | 31.4 |
| AMBROSE | 6480 | 3/31/87 | 28 | 8.1 | 10.3 | 13.6 | COPPER CREEK | 5700 | 3/31/87 | 31 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 14.9 |
| ARCH FALLS | 7350 | 3/31/87 | 31 | 8.8 | 9.8 | 13.2 | COPPER MOUNTAIN | 7700 | 3/26/87 | 31 | 7.0 | 10.2 | 12.1 |
| ASHLEY OIVIOE | 4820 | 4/02/87 4/01/87 | 14 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 7.0 | COTTONNOOO CREEK | 6400 4200 | 3/31/87 | 23 24 | 6.2 7.0 | 7.3 5.5 | 9.3 9.8 |
| BAUGER PASS PILLOW | 6900 6900 | | 87 | 30.3 | 35.1 | 36.4 38.8 | COYOTE HILL | 8400 | 3/26/87 3/31/87 | 26 | 5.9 | 9.5 | 11.1 |
| 8AOGER PASS 8ALO EAGLE PEAK | 5700 | 3/31/87 4/01/87 | 133 | 31.2 50.7 | 35.9 43.1 | 61.9 | CREVICE MOUNTAIN CRYSTAL LAKE | 6050 | 3/30/87 | 46 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 14.8 |
| BALO RIDGE | 7500 | 3/31/87 | 29 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 13.9 | CRYSTAL LAKE PILLO | | 4/01/87 | | 9.1 | 9.1 | 15.5 |
| BANFIELD HTM PILLOW | 5600 | 4/03/87 | | 16.2 | 15.1 | 21.1 | OAD CREEK LAKE | 8400 | 3/30/87 | 53 | 14.6 | 17.0 | 15.1 |
| BANFIELO MOUNTAIN | 5600 | 4/03/87 | 49 | 22.8 | 16.0 | 23.7 | DAISY PEAK | 7600 | 3/27/87 | 30 | 6.2 | 9.0 | 11.7 |
| SAREE CREEK | 5500 | 3/26/87 | 89 | 33.5 | 30.4 | 47.2 | DALY CREEK | 5780 | 3/31/87 | 31 | 9.3 | 10.8 | 12.4 |
| BAREE MICHAY | 4600 | 3/26/87 | 73 | 24.8 | 20.9 | 36.6 | DALY CREEK PILLOW | 5780 | 4/01/87 | | 8.2 | 9.7 | 12.6 |
| BAREE TRAIL | 3800 | 3/26/87 | 19 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 8.7 | OARKHORSE LK. PILL | | 4/01/87 | | 17.3 | 26.6 | 25.1 |
| BARKER LAKES | 8250 | 4/02/87 | 38 | 11.1 | 14.7 | 15.9 | OARKHORSE LAKE | 8600 | 3/30/87 | 51 | 15.0 | 26.8 | 28.1 |
| BARKER LAKES PILLOW | 8250 | 4/01/87 | | 12.4 | 14.7 | 16.3 | DAVIS CREEK | 5400 | 4/01/87 | 53 | 19.5 | 16.8 | 24.3 |
| BASIN CREEK | 7180 | 3/27/87 | 37 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 9.2 | DEADMAN CR PILLOW | 6450 | 4/01/87 | | 5.9 | 7.3 | 10.8 |
| BASIN CREEK PILLOW | 7180 | 4/01/87 | | 7.5 | 6.2 | 8.9 | DEADMAN CREEK | 6450 | 3/26/87 | 21 | 5.3 | 10.2 | 11.8 |
| 8ASSOO PEAK | 5150 | 3/27/87 | 21 | 6.6 | 4.0 | 11.9 | DESERT HOUNTAIN | 5600 | 4/03/87 | 30 | 12.1 | 9.0 | 16.2 |
| 8EAGLE SPRINGS | 8850 | 3/30/87 | 34 | 8.4 | 11.2 | 10.2 | OEVILS SLIDE | 8100 | 3/31/87 | 50 | 14.7 | 16.4 | 23.0 |
| BEAGLE SPGS PILLOW | 8850 | 4/01/87 | | 7.9 | 9.7 | 9.4 | OISCOVERY BASIN | 7050 | 3/26/87 | 32 | 7.4 | 10.8 | 11.8 |
| BEAR BASIN | 8150 | 4/01/87 | 44 | 13.4 | 16.0 | 21.9 | OIVIOE | 7800 | 3/31/87 | 30 | 8.4 | 10.0 | 12.0 |
| 8EAR PAN SKI AREA | 5200 | 3/25/87 | 10 | 2.1 | .0 | 7.4 | OIVIOE PILLOW | 7800 | 4/01/87 | | 8.1 | 11.0 | 12.5 |
| BEAVER CREEK PILLOW | 7850 | 4/01/87 | | 11.2 | 19.0 | 19.9 | OIX HILL | 6400 | 3/28/87 | 31 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 11.5 |
| BERRY MEADON | 7000 | 3/27/87 | 23 | 5.6 | 8.4 | 8.2 | DUPUYER CREEK PILL | ON 5750 | 4/01/87 | | 9.5 | 7.8 | 13.6 |
| 8IG CREEK | 6750 | 4/01/87 | 93 | 34.4 | 44.6 | 46.6 | EAGLE CREEK | 7000 | 3/31/87 | 33 | 9.2 | 12.1 | 14.9 |
| 8IC SKY | 7700 | 4/02/87 | 36 | 11.0 | 13.6 | 16.8 | EAST BOULOER S | 9250 | 3/29/87 | 68 | 20.5 | 30.0 | 31.6 |
| 8IG SKY MEADOW | 6350 | 4/01/87 | 16 | 6.5 | 8.8 | 9.8 | EAST FORK R.S. | 5400 | 3/26/87 | 9 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 5.8 |
| 8IG SNOWY | 7150 | 3/30/87 | 64 | 16.4 | 21.1 | 22.7 | EL OORADO MINE | 7800 | 3/24/87 | 61 | 14.0 | 21.2 | 22.3 |
| 8LACK 8EAR | 7950 | 3/25/87 | 70 | 20.2 | 49.4 | 43.2 | ELK HORN SPRINGS | 7800 | 3/29/87 | 24 | 6.0 | 8.1 | 9.6 |
| BLACK BEAR PILLOW | 7950 | 4/01/87 | | 23.3 | 43.5 | 39.3 | ELK PEAK | 8000 | 3/30/87 | 42 | 11.1 | 16.4 | 17.8 |
| BLACK MOUNTAIN | 7750 | 3/31/87 | 41 | 10.5 | 12.4 | 17.0 | EMERY CREEK | 4350 | 4/03/87 | 32 | 12.8 | 9.1 | 15.9 |
| BLACK PINE PILLOW | 7100 | 4/01/87 | | 9.3 | 10.6 | 15.0 | EMERY CREEK PILLOW | 4350 | 4/01/87 | | 13.7 | 10.7 | 16.7 |
| BLACK PINE | 7100 | 3/26/87 | 29 | 8.5 | 9.8 | 14.0 | FATTY CREEK | 5500 | 4/04/87 | 53 | 19.6 | 17.3 | 24.8 |
| BLACKTAIL | 5650 | 4/01/87 | 35 | 10.4 | | | FISH CREEK | 8000 | 3/27/87 | 41 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 10.4 |
| BLOODY DICK PILLOW | 7550 | 4/01/87 | | 8.8 | 13.0 | 13.2 | FISHER CREEK PILLO | H 9100 | 4/01/87 | | 23.4 | 37.8 | 37.0 |
| 8F005A OICK | 7600 | 3/30/87 | 31 | 8.4 | 14.0 | 14.2 | FISHER CREEK | 9100 | 3/30/87 | 71 | 23.8 | 46.2 | 39.6 |
| BLUE LAKE | 5900 | 3/31/87 | 56 | 20.0 | 17.8 | 25.9 | FIVE-BULL | 5700 | 3/31/87 | 15 | 4.1 | 1.6 | 6.6 |
| 80TS SOTS | 7750 | 3/25/87 | 25 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 8.3 | FLATTOP HTN PILLO | 6300 | 4/01/87 | | 38.1 | 36.0 | 46.8 |
| 80ULOER HOUNTAIN | 7950 | 3/25/87 | 41 | 12.0 | 20.6 | 20.1 | FLEECER RIDGE | 7500 | 3/30/87 | 30 | 7.0 | 9.5 | 11.7 |
| 80ULOER HTH PILLOW | 7950 | 4/01/87 | | 14.0 | 20.3 | 22.1 | FOOLHEN | 8280 | 3/29/87 | 40 | 10.4 | 14.6 | 17.8 |
| 80X CANYON | 6670 | 3/28/87 | 28 | 6.9 | 9.0 | 12.4 | FOREST LAKE | 6400 | 3/31/87 | 32 | 8.9 | 10.4 | 13.0 |
| BOX CANYON PILLOW | 6700 | 4/01/87 | | 6.9 | 6.2 | 10.2 | FOUR MILE | 6900 | 3/27/87 | 27 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 9.2 |
| 80XELOER CREEK | 5100 | 3/25/87 | 25 | 6.8 | 3.6 | 8.7 | FOURTH OF JULY | 3450 | 3/26/87 | 13 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 7.3 |
| BRANHAM LAKES | 8850 | 4/01/87 | 72 | 26.4 | 28.4 | 30.9 | FREO BURR PASS | 8000 | 4/03/87 | 50 | 15.7 | 26.2 | 26.2 |
| BRIOGER BOWL PILLOW | 7250 | 3/30/87 | | 15.9 | 18.3 | 27.5 | FREIGHT CREEK | 6000 | 3/31/87 | 44 | 13.9 | 12.2 | 15.8 |
| BRIOGER BOWL | 7250 | 3/30/87 | 48 | 15.7 | 17.8 | 28.0 | FRIOAY HILL | 4620 | 3/26/87 | 45 | 15.0 | 9.0 | 20.4 |
| BRISTON CREEK | 3900 | 4/03/87 | 12 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 9.6 | FROHNER MEADONS | 6480 | 3/26/87 | 22 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 8.5 |
| BRUSH CREEK TIMBER | 5000 | 3/31/87 | 25 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 9.9 | FROHNER HOWS PILL | ₩ 6480 | 4/01/87 | | 6.5 | 7.4 | 10.5 |
| BULL MOUNTAIN | 6600 | 3/30/87 | 17 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 6.5 | GARVER CREEK PILL | | 4/01/87 | | 7.5 | 7.0 | 10.0 |
| CABIN CREEK | 5200 | 3/26/87 | 18 | 5.1 | 2.9 | 6.3 | GARVER CREEK | 4250 | 4/01/87 | | 8.7 | 6.0 | 10.5 |
| CALL ROAD | 8050 | 3/31/87 | 34 | 10.3 | 11.3 | 12.8 | CIBBONS PASS | 7100 | 3/26/87 | 44 | 13.6 | 21.2 | 24.0 |
| CALVERT CREEK | 6430 | 3/31/87 | 26 | 6.7 | 11.3 | 12.0 | GOAT MOUNTAIN | 7000 | 3/26/87 | | 8.1 | 6.2 | 10.8 |
| CALVERT CR PILLOW | 6430 | 4/01/87 | | 4.9 | 7.0 | 9 • 1 | GOLO CREEK LAKE | 7200 | 3/24/87 | 42 | 9.6 | 13.6 | 16.5 |
| CAMP MISERY | 6400 | 4/03/87 | 88 | 35.2 | 37.0 | 50.1 | GOLO STONE | 8100 | 3/30/87 | 39 | 11.0 | 18.4 | 18.0 |
| CAMP SENIA | 7890 | 3/25/87 | 20 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 6.9 | GRASSHOPPER | 7000 | 3/30/87 | 16 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 6.3 |
| CARROT BASIN PILLON | | 4/01/87 | | 20.0 | 28.8 | 29 • 2 | GRAVE CRK PILLOW | 4300 | 4/01/87 | | 13.8 | 8.9 | 17 - 1 |
| CARROT BASIN | 9000 | 3/27/87 | 74 | 24.2 | 31.0 | 37 . 7 | GRAVE CREEK | 4300 | 4/03/87 | | 12.6 | 10.0 | 17 • 6 |
| CARTER CREEK | 7400 | 4/03/87 | 20 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 6.0 | GRIFFIN CR DIVIDE | 5150 | 3/27/87 | 33 | 8.5 | 5.9 | 11.7 |
| CASHE CREEK PILLON | 7800 | 4/01/87 | | 7.7 | 8.8 | 10.6 | GUNSIGHT LAKE | 6300 | 4/04/87 | | 30.5 | 35.4 | 40.2 |
| CEDAR GROVE | 3760 | 4/03/87 | 28 | 9.4 | 11.5 | 12.2 | HAND CREEK | 5030 | 3/31/87 | | 9.8 | 11.0 | 14.5 |
| CHESSHAN RESERVOIR | 6200 | 3/26/87 | 7 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 4.0 | HAND CREEK PILLOW | 5030 | 4/01/87 | | 9.6 | 11.5 | 14.2 |
| CHICKEN CREEK | 4060 | 3/30/87 | 33 | 10.9 | 8.9 | 14.1 | HANKINS LAKE PILL | | 4/01/87 | | 21.6 | 27.0 | 28.1 |
| CLOVER HOW PILLOW | 8800 | 4/01/87 | | 15.1 | 16.3 | 18.5 | HAWKINS LAKE | 6450 | 4/01/87 | | 26.9 | 27 • 1 | 30.8 |
| CLOVER MEADOW | 8600 | 3/31/87 | 40 | 9.9 | 14.5 | 18.9 | HAYHAKER | 8050 | 3/30/87 | | 6.7 | | 13.2 |
| COLE CREEK | 7850 | 3/30/87 | 71 | 17+6 | 19.0 | 18.4 | HEART LAKE TRAIL | 4800 | 3/29/87 | | 15.6 | 17.8 | 22.0 |
| COLE CREEK PILLOW | 7850 | 4/01/87 | | 18.1 | 17.2 | 18.3 | HEBGEN DAN | 6550 | 3/28/87 | | 7.9 | 10.7 | 12.5 |
| COLLEY CREEK | 6300 | 3/30/87 | 17 | 4.8 | 7.4 | 8.9 | HELL ROARING DIVI | | 4/02/87 | | 26.7 | 21.8 | 32.1 |
| COMBINATION | 5600 | 3/26/87 | 13 | 3.1 | 5.1 | 6.3 | HERRIG JUNCTION | 4850 | 3/30/87 | | 21.5 | 17.9 | 28.1 |
| COMBINATION PILLON | 5600 | 4/01/87 | | 2.5 | 3.4 | 6.5 | HOLBROOK | 4530 | 3/25/87 | | 6.9 | 3.8 | 9.4 |
| COOKE STATION | 8150 | 3/30/87 | 44 | 12.1 | 20.6 | 20.2 | HOOD MEADON | 6600 | 3/31/87 | | 6.4 | 6.8 | 11.5 |
| COPPER BOTTOM | 5200 | 3/31/87 | 24 | 7.8 | 3.2 | 10.8 | HOODOO BASIN PILL | | 4/01/87 | | 34.0 | 40.9 | 48.9 |
| COPPER BOTTOM PILLO | ₩ 5200 | 4/01/87 | | 8.9 | 9.4 | 13.3 | HOODOO BASIN | 6050 | 3/29/87 | 102 | 39.2 | 46.8 | 51.8 |

| SHOW COURSE | ELEVATION | DATE | SNON DEPTH | WATER CONTENT | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE 1961-85 | SNOW COURSE | ELEVATION | DATE | SNOW DEPTH | HATER CONTENT | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE 1961-85 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| HOODOO CREEK | 5900 | 3/29/87 | 89 | 34.2 | 39.2 | 47.8 | PIPESTONE PASS | 7200 | 3/26/87 | 24 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| INDEPENDENCE | 7850 | 3/28/87 | 45 | 11.9 | 16.7 | 18.7 | PLACER BASIN F | 8830 | 3/29/87 | 60 | 18.0 | 17.5 | 22.1 |
| INTERGAARO | 6450 | 3/27/87 | 20 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 9.0 | PLACER BASIN PILLON POORHAN CRK PILLON | 883 0 5100 | 4/01/87 4/03/87 | | 16.8 26.6 | 17 • 4 21 • 7 | 16.5 33.1 |
| JAHNKE LAKE TRAIL JOHNSON PARK | 7 200 6450 | 3/30/ 8 7 3/27/87 | 24 15 | 6.7 3. 3 | 10.5 4.4 | 10.4 7.2 | POORMAN CREEK | 5100 | 4/03/87 | 52 | 23.6 | 24.1 | 36.0 |
| KEELER CREEK | 3300 | 4/01/87 | 21 | 8.6 | 8.3 | 10.8 | PORCUPINE PILLON | 6500 | 4/01/87 | | 3.2 | 3.5 | 8.2 |
| KINGS HILL | 7500 | 3/26/87 | 28 | 7.4 | 15.8 | 14.9 | PORCUPINE | 6500 | 3/31/87 | 10 | 3.0 | 5.2 | 8.4 |
| KISHENEHN | 3890 | 3/31/87 | 19 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 7.3 | POTOMAGETON PARK RED MOUNTAIN | 7150 6000 | 3/26/87 3/26/87 | 25 48 | 9.2 14.8 | 14.4 13.1 | 15.1 19.3 |
| KINANIS CAMP KRAFT CREEK PILLON | 3720 4750 | 3/25/ 87 4/01/87 | 5 | 1.0 7.1 | .0 6.8 | .9 11.2 | RED TOP | 5260 | 3/26/87 | 64 | 22.5 | 19.4 | 29.9 |
| LAKE CREEK | 6100 | 3/31/87 | 16 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 9.0 | ROCK CREEK | 5600 | 3/30/87 | 33 | 7.0 | 7 • 2 | 10.7 |
| LAKEVIEH CANYON | 6930 | 3/26/87 | 30 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 13.1 | ROCK CREEK HEADON | 8160 | 3/30/87 | 56 | 15.4 | 20.9 | 23.7 |
| LAKEVIEW ROG. PILLO | 7400 7400 | 4/01/87 3/26/87 | 27 | 7.1 7.0 | 9.6 9.0 | 14.7 11.7 | ROCKER PEAK ROCKER PEAK PILLON | 8000 8000 | 3/27/87 4/01/87 | 42 | 9.8 10.7 | 14.8 | 15.9 15.7 |
| LEMHI PASS | 7480 | 3/30/87 | 28 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 9.4 | ROCKY 80Y | 4700 | 3/25/87 | 8 | 1.0 | .0 | 4.8 |
| LEMHI RIOGE | 8100 | 3/30/87 | 34 | 11.0 | 11.6 | 10.8 | ROCKY BOY PILLOW | 4700 | 3/25/87 | | 2.3 | 1.4 | 5.9 |
| LENHI RIDGE PILLOW | 8100 | 4/01/87 | | 8.7 | 11.9 | 11.6 | SACAJANEA | 6550 | 3/27/87 | 32 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 15.4 |
| LICK CREEK PILLOW | 6860 6860 | 4/01/ 87 3/31/87 | 28 | 8.2 8.1 | 6.8 7.8 | 10.8 10.8 | SAODLE HTN PILLON SAODLE HOUNTAIN | 7900 7940 | 4/01/87 3/26/87 | 51 | 15.6 15.9 | 24.5 24.5 | 27.3 26.2 |
| LITTLE PARK | 7400 | 4/01/87 | 35 | 10.2 | 13.2 | 16.9 | SENTINEL CREEK | 8300 | 3/26/87 | 50 | 13.6 | 20.8 | 24.7 |
| LOGAN CREEK | 4300 | 3/31/87 | 17 | 5,5 | 5.9 | 7.3 | SHORT CREEK | 7000 | 4/01/87 | 13 | 3.4 | | |
| LONE HOUNTAIN | 8880 | 4/03/87 | 48 | 15.8 | 21.0 | 23.8 | SHOWER FALLS | 8100 | 3/31/87 | 53 | 15.4 | 18.9 | 24.6 |
| LOST HORSE | 5940 | 3/30/87 | 61 | 21.9 | 26.6 | 33.4 | SHOWER FALLS PILLOW SILVER RUN | 8100 | 4/01/87 | 10 | 17.1 | 20.5 | 25.0 |
| LOST SOUL LOHER THIN PILLON | 4800 7900 | 4/03/87 4/01/87 | 31 | 11.7 16.1 | 10.7 19.6 | 15.7 20.1 | STLVER RUN PILLON | 6630 6630 | 3/30/87 4/01/87 | 18 | 3.8 5.3 | 3.4 2.0 | 6.1 7.3 |
| LOWER THIN | 7900 | 3/27/87 | 63 | 17.2 | 22.1 | 22.4 | SKALKAHO PILLON | 7260 | 4/01/87 | | 15.7 | 23.1 | 25.8 |
| LUBRECHT FLUME | 4680 | 4/01/87 | 1 | .4 | ٠0 | 4.6 | SKALKAHO SUMMIT | 7250 | 3/31/87 | 54 | 17.0 | 23.2 | 26.7 |
| LUBRECHT PILLON | 4680 | 4/01/87 | 40 | 3.2 | •7 | 5.1 | SKYLARK TRAIL PILLON | | 4/01/87 | | 23.3 | 26.5 | 34.5 |
| LUBRECHT FOREST NO 3 | | 4/01/87 4/01/87 | 12 1 | 3.8 •4 | 3.9 | 7•1 2•3 | SLAG-A-HELT LAKE SLIDE ROCK MOUNTAIN | 8750 7100 | 3/30/87 3/25/87 | 46 41 | 13.0 11.2 | 24.6 13.0 | 27.0 17.3 |
| LUBRECHT FOREST NO | | 4/01/87 | 2 | .7 | •3 | 2.5 | SHUGGLER HINE | 6960 | 4/01/87 | 31 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 10.8 |
| LUBRECHT HYDROPLOT | 4200 | 4/01/87 | 7 | 2.4 | •0 | 4.5 | S.F. SHIELOS PILLON | 8100 | 4/01/87 | | 11.0 | 16.1 | 18.5 |
| MADISON PLT PILLON | 7750 | 3/25/87 | | 15.6 | 27 • 1 | 25.3 | S.F. SHIELOS | 8100 | 3/31/87 | 53 | 15.6 | 20.6 | 25.9 |
| HAOISON PLATEAU HANY GLACIER | 7750 4900 | 3/25/87 | 50 | 14.9 | 28.7 | 24.1 | SPOTTED BEAR MIN. | 7000 | 4/04/87 | 28 | 8.9 | 9.7 | 15.4 |
| MANY GLACIER PILLON | 4900 | 3/29/87 4/01/87 | 44 | 15.3 12.6 | 10.2 5.9 | 20.9 18.5 | SPUR PARK PILLOW SPUR PARK | 8100 8100 | 4/01/87 3/26/87 | 37 | 12.5 9.8 | 21.8 | 22.8 22. 2 |
| MARIAS PASS | 5250 | 3/30/87 | 41 | 14.1 | 9.0 | 18.1 | STAHL PEAK | 6030 | 4/03/87 | 89 | 35.8 | 30.1 | 40.4 |
| HAYNARD CREEK | 6210 | 3/30/87 | 29 | 8.7 | 10.0 | 16.1 | STAHL PEAK PILLOH | 6030 | 4/01/87 | | 35.4 | 30.5 | .38.2 |
| MAYNARD CR PILLON | 6210 | 3/30/87 | 40 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 12.2 | STAR LAKE E | 9650 | 3/29/87 | 72 | 25.0 | 44.5 | 44.2 |
| HIDDLE HILL CREEK | 7850 7500 | 4/01/87 3/30/87 | 42 32 | 13.1 9.3 | 12.1 | 17.5 13.8 | STEMPLE PASS STORM LAKE | 6600 7780 | 3/27/87 3/30/87 | 30 37 | 6.4 9.3 | 8.1 13.0 | 10.9 14.4 |
| MINERAL CREEK | 4000 | 3/30/87 | 35 | 12.6 | 9.6 | 18.0 | STRYKER BASIN | 6180 | 3/30/87 | 90 | 33.3 | 25.4 | 35.4 |
| MONUMENT PK PILLOW | 8850 | 4/01/87 | | 14.4 | 22.8 | 21.8 | STUART HILL | 6500 | 3/27/87 | 19 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 7.1 |
| HONUKENT PEAK | 8850 | 3/28/87 | 62 | 17.9 | 27 • 4 | 27.2 | STUART HOUNTAIN | 7400 | 4/04/87 | 67 | 25.0 | 27.4 | 33.8 |
| MOSS PEAK MOSS PEAK PILLOW | 6780 6780 | 4/01/87 4/01/87 | 93 | 35.0 31.3 | 36.2 35.4 | 42.8 | SUCKER CREEK Taylor road | 3960 4080 | 3/25/87 3/25/87 | 10 9 | 1.0 | .0 | .3 |
| HOULTON RESERVOIR | 6850 | 3/26/87 | 19 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 7.0 | TEN HILE LOWER | 6600 | 3/25/87 | 21 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 2.6 8.0 |
| NT LOCKHART PILLON | 6400 | 4/01/87 | | 18.1 | 21.3 | 21.8 | TEN HILE MIDDLE | 6800 | 3/25/87 | 33 | 8.2 | 11.2 | 12.5 |
| HOUNT LOCKHART | 6400 | 3/29/87 | 60 | 18.4 | 20.4 | 23.4 | TEN HILE UPPER | 8000 | 3/25/87 | 35 | 8.8 | 12.4 | 14.6 |
| MUDO LAKE MULE CREEK | 7650 8 300 | 3/31/87 3/30/87 | 39 | 11.4 | 19.8 | 21.1 | TEPEE CREEK PILLOW TEPEE CREEK | 8000 8000 | 4/01/87 3/31/87 | 41 | 9.2 12.0 | 13.3 | 14.7 |
| HULE CREEK PILLON | 8300 | 4/01/87 | 41 | 12.0 12.4 | 13.7 12.3 | 16.2 14.2 | TIMBERLINE CREEK | 8850 | 3/25/87 | 49 | 10.4 | 15.8 16.0 | 16.3 15.2 |
| NEVADA CREEK | 6480 | 3/31/87 | 35 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 15.2 | TRAIL CREEK | 7090 | 3/30/87 | 25 | 6.7 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| NEVADA CREEK PILLON | 6480 | 4/01/87 | | 9.9 | 10.0 | 14.2 | TRINKUS LAKE | 6100 | 4/04/87 | 84 | 34.3 | 31.4 | 44.7 |
| NEH HORLD NEHTON HOUNTAIN | 6900 5600 | 3/27/87 | 47 | 12.3 | 12.9 | 16.1 | TRUMAN CREEK TV MOUNTAIN | 4060 6800 | 4/01/87 4/04/87 | 5 32 | 1.8 9.8 | 2.6 | 3.4 |
| NEZ PERCE CHP PILLON | | 3/26/87 4/01/87 | 81 | 28.3 9.2 | 23.0 12.8 | 36.1 15.6 | THELVENILE PILLON | 5600 | 4/01/87 | | 12.4 | 16.0 | 19.9 19.5 |
| NEZ PERCE CAMP | 5650 | 3/27/87 | 33 | 9.3 | 14.2 | 15.5 | THELVEHILE CREEK | 5600 | 3/30/87 | 40 | 14.7 | 13.9 | 22.3 |
| NEZ PERCE CREEK | 6600 | 3/26/87 | 23 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 7.3 | THENTY-ONE HILE | 7150 | 3/30/87 | 30 | 8.2 | 15.0 | 18.2 |
| NEZ PERCE PASS | 6570 | 3/27/87 | 35 | 10.6 | 14.9 | 17.8 | THIN CREEKS THIN LAKES PILLON | 3580 6400 | 4/04/87 | 20 | 7.4 | .0 | 10.7 |
| NOISY BASIN NOISY BASIN PILLON | 6040 6040 | 4/03/87 4/01/87 | 93 | 35.0 30.1 | 36.4 | 46.7 41.6 | TWIN LAKES | 6510 | 4/01/87 3/30/87 | 80 | 29.5 30.4 | 31.4 34.4 | 42.5 42.8 |
| N.F. ELK CR PILLON | 6250 | 4/01/87 | | 8.3 | 10.1 | 14.1 | UPPER HOLLANO LAKE | 6200 | 4/04/87 | 63 | 24.9 | 26.6 | 36.1 |
| N.F. ELK CREEK | 6250 | 4/02/87 | 29 | 8.6 | 10.6 | 12.9 | HALDRON PILLOH | 5600 | 4/01/87 | | 9.3 | 7.4 | 10.1 |
| NORTH FORK JOCKO | 6330 | 4/02/87 | 76 | 30.1 | 36.6 | 46.2 | WALORON HARN CONTACT | 5600 | 3/29/87 | 27 | 8.0 | 3.6 | 10.5 |
| NORTH HEADON N.E. ENTRANCE PILLON | 7500 7350 | 3/27/87 4/01/87 | 34 | 8.4 5.8 | 7.8 8.0 | 9.3 | WARM SPRINGS WARM SPRINGS PILLON | 7800 7800 | 4/03/87 4/01/87 | 42 | 10.7 15.0 | 21.0 | 20.7 27.9 |
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| NOTCH | 8500 | 3/31/87 | 48 | 13.0 | 11.3 | 17.3 | HEST YELLOWSTONE | 6700 | 3/31/87 | 22 | 5.9 | 11.4 | 12.1 |
| OPHIR PARK | 7150 | 3/28/87 | 50 | 13.4 | 15.0 | 18.5 | WHISKEY CREEK PILLOW | 6800 | 4/01/87 | | 11.5 | 19.2 | 18.1 |
| PALISADE CREEK PETERSON HOW PILLOW | 8250 | 3/31/87 | 60 | 20.6 | 30.1 | 30.5 | WHISKEY CREEK WHITE HILL PILLON | 6800 | 3/25/87 | 42 | 13.1 | 23.2 | 21.8 |
| PETERSON MEADONS | 7200 7200 | 3/30/87 3/30/87 | 29 | 8.2 7.6 | 10.2 9.8 | 11.2 11.1 | WHITE HILL FILLOW | 8700 8700 | 4/01/87 3/30/87 | 54 | 16.2 17.0 | 27.8 33.0 | 26.6 28.6 |
| PICKET PIN O | 9450 | 3/29/87 | 72 | 22.5 | 22.0 | 26.3 | WHITE PINE RIDGE | 8850 | 3/30/87 | 29 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| PICKET PIN LOWER | 6200 | 3/26/87 | 20 | 5.6 | .0 | 2.8 | WILLOW CREEK | 6500 | 3/30/87 | 37 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 9.8 |
| PICKET PIN MICOLE | 7250 | 3/26/87 | 39 | 12.6 | 9.6 | 13.8 | MOOD CREEK | 5960 | 3/31/87 | 33 | 10.4 | 7.5 | 11.6 |
| PICKET PIN UPPER PICKFOOT CREEK | 8100 6650 | 3/26/87 3/25/87 | 67 20 | 20.0 6.0 | 20.3 8.2 | 21.0 11.1 | MOOD CREEK PILLON HRONG CREEK | 5960 5700 | 4/01/87 3/25/87 | 31 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 12.2 |
| PICKFOOT CRK PILLON | 6650 | 4/01/87 | | 6.6 | 6.3 | 12.0 | HRONG RIOGE | 6800 | 3/25/8/ | 31 44 | 10.2 14.2 | 9.5 16.4 | 14.2 19.8 |
| PIKE CREEK | 5930 | 3/25/87 | 60 | 23.2 | 19.0 | 25.1 | | | | | | 2017 | 20 |
| PIKE CREEK PILLOW | 5930 | 4/01/87 | | 25.5 | 21.8 | 29.0 | | | | | | | 29 |





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